



# CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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\*A Closed Session meeting was held on October 28, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss Department Head appointments. Those in attendance were Mayor Jones and Council Members Stull, Smith, Biser, Tome, Johnson, and Allgaier. Pursuant to 10-508(a) a 6-0 vote approved the closing of this session.

## **Mayor and Council Public Hearing Agenda Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

### **Chicken Ordinance Change—Dave Dunn**

There has been some citizen suggestions to allow Brunswick residents to raise chickens on their properties. City Ordinance currently opposes allowing animal pens on private property. Frederick County does prohibit agricultural animals running at large. If Mayor and Council decide this is an issue they wish to allow, there will be numerous text amendments, etc. to enact.

Mayor adds that Council will hold one more Public Hearing on this issue.

Susan Moss, 218 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue—Speaks in favor of allowing chickens. Would be very willing to sit on board to research this issue.

Katherine Iacovelli—810 East E Street—Speaks in favor of allowing chickens, but brings up many points to consider before allowing them.

Steve Collings—17 East A Street—Brought this issue up originally. Thinks all issues relating to this issue can be solved. Has over 55 signatures on a petition to allow chickens. Presents petition to Mayor.

Mayor mentions several e-mails and phone calls have come in on this issue. They will be entered into the minutes of this meeting.

Smith—Points out that City will incur significant costs associated with this change.

Tome—City will see some profit on this issue if permits are issued to allow chickens.

### **Mandatory Recycling—Dave Dunn**

This is the first Public Hearing on this issue, but City will talk about it many other times. When single-stream recycling is available, around the end of the year, mandatory recycling will be much easier. Thurmont has had mandatory recycling for years, and Mt. Airy is on a pilot program currently. This program will work much the same as recycling now. City probably

cannot enact this until the beginning of 2009.

Stull—Does mandatory recycling apply to businesses?

Dave—Not currently, but that is coming.

Bob Ward—713 East A Street—Speaks in favor of recycling, but does have issues with it. When holidays occur or in bad weather, sometimes weeks go by without recycling being picked up. Wonders whether a fine will be charged to residents if their recycling isn't picked up.

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Call to Order

Pledge

Roll Call—Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Stull, Tome, Smith—all present

Mayor's Remarks

Halloween events are taking place this Friday, October 31, 2008.

Veterans Day parade on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Citizens' Forum

No comments.

Consent Agenda

Municipal Government Works Month Proclamation—Mayor reads proclamation.

Use of Square Corner Park—Cold and Hungry, Scouts in Boxes—Council consents.

Old Business

Water & Sewer Rates Discussion—Dave Dunn

Recent utility bills reflected water and sewer rate increase. Many residents were upset with this, even though City held numerous Public Hearings during budget process. In an effort to educate residents, staff presents explanation of new rates (attached.)

Mayor—Brunswick Crossing has had no impact on City water and sewer rates. No City money has been spent on those improvements. Water and Sewer rates were discussed at five Finance Committee Meetings and two Public Hearings. No one spoke for or against rate increases. Meetings were all publicized on Channel 99 and in newspaper numerous times. Believes

government has responsibilities, but so do private citizens. Rates are supposed to cover operating costs and build up reserves.

Ellis Burris–Souder Road–Believes citizens have big responsibilities, such as voting, or locally, paying attention to what’s going on in their community.

Catherine Tynan–12 West E Street–Was aware of rate increases and supports the cost of infrastructure. Received a high bill, wonders if City can help check meter.

Kalpesh Papel–24 Donovan Court–Wonders if City will provide relief to citizens who are trying to better Brunswick’s systems, such as by laying and watering sod?

Judy Carter–209 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue–Water bill has increased every year since moving to Brunswick in 2004. Water bill increased this quarter by over 100%.

Steve Collins–17 East A Street–Wonders if meters are faulty since they are so old?

Michelle Tuwiner–Brunswick Street–Moved into her house after all the publications this year. Suggest putting publications in a larger paper that can be accessed on-line. Believes this increase couldn’t come at a worse time.

#### New Business

Resolution No. 08-17–Support for Community Legacy Application–Carrie Myers  
Staff report attached.

Motion to approve–Biser

2<sup>nd</sup>–Allgaier

Vote 5-1, Tome against

PWA Brunswick Crossing Sewer Extension–Jim Castle

Staff report attached. Staff recommends approval.

Motion to approve–Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>–Allgaier

Vote 6-0

Department Head appointments.

Public Works Superintendent–Al Danaher

City Administrator–Dave Dunn

Police Chief–John Smith

Police Lieutenant–Milt Frech

Water–Patrick Hoffmaster

Waste Water–Mike Campbell

Public Works Assistant Superintendent–John Gerstner

Attorney–Dave Severn

Engineer-Rick Travers, View Engineering

Tome-Move to appoint all positions, except City Administrator, which is to be voted on separately

2<sup>nd</sup> for consideration-Johnson

Stull-Comments that he supports all appointments, including City Administrator.

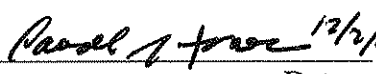
Allgaier-Supports all nominations, as well.

Vote 4-2, Biser & Smith oppose

Johnson-Reappoint City Administrator

2<sup>nd</sup>-Allgaier

Vote 5-1, Tome opposed

Approved By:  12/2/08  
Mayor Date

Witnessed By:  12/2/08  
City Administrator Date